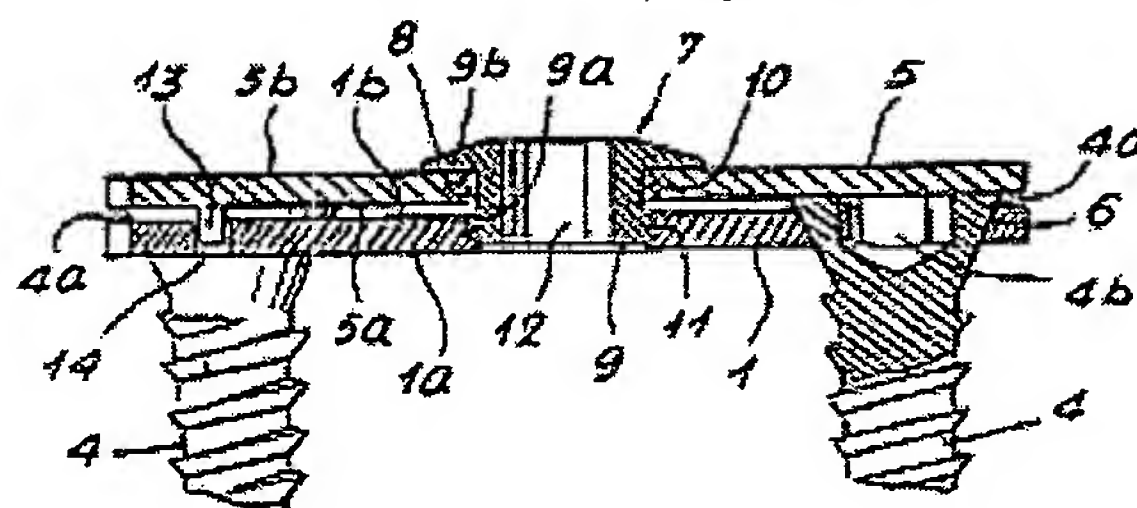


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The insert has a plate (1) which is rigid and extends longitudinally sufficiently to receive at least partially, the anterior sections of at least two contiguous cervical vertebrae. The plate has an anterior face (1b) and a posterior face (1a) which can be pierced with at least two pairs of anchoring holes. Each pair of holes is positioned to face the anterior surface of one of the vertebrae. A rigid counter plate (5) has fixings (7) to retain it on the anterior face of the first plate. The counter plate is shaped to cover the enlarged heads of at least four contiguous anchor screws.



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